

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a synergistic combination of glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~, wherein the weight ratio of glimepiride and metformin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is about 1/500 ~~to about 2/500~~.
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, comprising 500 mg metformin hydrochloride, 1 mg glimepiride, and at least one excipient.
5. (canceled)
6. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 comprising 1000 mg metformin hydrochloride, 2 mg glimepiride, and at least one excipient.
7. (canceled)
8. (currently amended) A method of controlling blood glucose levels in a patient with type 2 diabetes, comprising administering to said patient a synergistic combination of glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride ~~or a~~

~~pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~, in a solid dosage form, wherein the weight ratio of glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~ is about 1/500 to about 2/500.

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A method according to claim 8 comprising administering a composition wherein glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~ are present in amounts ~~selected from the group consisting of (1) 1 mg glimepiride and 500 mg metformin hydrochloride[;]~~ (b) ~~2 mg glimepiride and 500 mg metformin hydrochloride;~~ (c) and 2 mg glimepiride and 1000 mg metformin hydrochloride; and (d) ~~4 mg glimepiride and 1000 metformin hydrochloride.~~